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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF SY AGENTS JOHNSON, LECKER AND MITCHELL

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1. DEPARTMENT SECURITY OFFICERS JOHNSON, LECKER AND MITCHELL, AFTER OVERNIGHT STOP IN ISTANBUL, ARRIVED IN ANKARA AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 9 AND WERE RECEIVED BY THEIR HOST, REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT, AT RPP HEADQUARTERS. LATER THIS AFTERNOON THEY WERE TO LAY A WREATH AT THE ATATURK MAUSOLEUM AND THEN CALL ON FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AT HIS REQUEST. ECEVIT WILL GIVE A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 9.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 10, JOHNSON, LECKER AND MITCHELL WILL HAVE COFFEE WITH ECEVIT AND THEN VISIT THE GOREME VALLEY. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WILL FLY TO IZMIR. REMAINDER OF THEIR SCHEDULE IS NOT YET COMPLETED.

3. NOTICE OF THEIR ARRIVAL ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN SEPTEMBER 9 TURKISH PRESS. MASS-CIRCULATION GUNAYDIN DEVOTED ALMOST ONE-HALF OF FRONT PAGE TO PICTURES AND ARTICLE HEADLINED "THE POLICEMAN WHO SAVED ECEVIT IS IN ISTANBUL". THE SECONDARY HEADLINE STATED "BLACK POLICEMAN BERNARD JOHNSON WAS PROMOTED BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOR SAVING ECEVIT". PRO-RPP BARIS AND THE

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ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS ALSO FRONT PAGED REPORTS ON THE

GROUP'S ARRIVAL IN ISTANBUL.
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